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- A Central unit.
- Two cross-faculty units: the Numeracy Centre and the Language Development Group.
- Five faculty-based units: the Humanities Education Development Unit (EDU), the Science ADP unit, ASPECT-Engineering, the Commerce EDU and the Health Sciences EDU.

ADP’s goals are to facilitate access to the institution for students from diverse social contexts and to contribute to the experience, engagement and success of all students. Some of these contributions are:

- ADP offers extended and augmented curricula in partnership with the faculties. These provide supported alternative pathways to graduation and holistic student support. For more information, please refer to your faculty’s handbook or contact your faculty office or the ADP unit in your faculty.
- ADP partners with the faculties to run tutor training programmes which develop senior students’ teaching capabilities and enhance students’ learning. Contact the ADP Central Office or the ADP units in the faculties for information.
- ADP’s Language Development Group and Numeracy Centre offer a range of courses, modules and workshops that develop academic language and quantitative literacy competencies across the faculties and disciplines. Freely available resources include the MOOC, Writing your world: finding yourself in the academic space. See www.coursera.org/learn/writing-your-world.
- The Language Development Group runs a Writing Centre on Upper Campus and at the Graduate School of Business, a Writing Lab on the Health Sciences campus, and contributes to training consultants for the Law Writing Centre. The unit also offers a range of Writing Pathways for postgraduate students, including short online or blended courses: Navigating Research Writing, Journeys in Research Writing, and Research Writing in the Sciences. See https://researchjourneys.Wixsite.com/writingpathways for information.

The Academic Advising project based in ADP is working towards strengthening academic advising structures, tools and resources across campus. UCT’s Central Advising and Referral Service (CARES) is a query line through which students are able to access the rest of UCT’s support network. Queries can be directed to uctcares@uct.ac.za.
ACCESS CONTROL SERVICES (& CARD PRODUCTION CENTRE)

Location: Properties & Services Building, Upper Campus
Phone: 021 650-3030/3996/5880
Operating hours: 08h00 – 16h00 Monday – Thursday and 08h00 – 15h30 Friday, throughout the academic year

Student ID Card Services: First time entering students are eligible to one free ID card after registration. Proof of identification is required before a card will be issued.

Lost Card replacement procedure: It is imperative that the loss of a card is reported immediately to the Card production centre and request for it to be disabled. A new card may be obtained at a cost of R120. This payment must be made at the Cashier's office in the Kramer Building. Proof of payment is required before a replacement card is issued.

Remote Card making services: During January and February and by arrangement, remote card making facilities are introduced at the following sites: Barnard Fuller Building, Health Sciences, and Leslie Social Sciences Building.

Elective Students: are classified as third party members of the University and must therefore complete a “Third Party ID Application Form” in the sponsoring faculty or department before getting a student card.

Note: Your student ID card is a multi-purpose card and is used:
- as an ID Card whenever on campus – your card must be carried on your person at all times;
- for access to labs and other facilities pertinent to your needs;
- as a Library Card;
- for the Jammie Shuttle – UCT Student and Staff Transport Services;
- when purchasing photocopying and printing credits in and around the various campuses;
- for access to your residence if residing in any of the UCT residences;
- for Meal Bookings in the case of resident students.

ADMISSIONS OFFICE

Location: Level 4, Masingene Building, Middle Campus
Phone: 021 650-2128
Email: admissions@uct.ac.za

The goal of the Admissions Office is to ensure that UCT enrolls talented students from diverse backgrounds. The Admissions Office:
- provides undergraduate application forms, assistance with application procedures and an online application service for undergraduate applicants. Postgraduate applicants must apply online.
- provides prospective undergraduate and postgraduate students with detailed degree programme information.
• arranges the annual departmental and faculty Open Day and recruitment events, as well as interviews and campus tours for prospective students and their parents.
• delivers talks to high school learners, organises UCT evenings at schools, participates in career exhibitions around the country and works with student societies in planning and organising recruitment drives for new students.
• has oversight of the admissions process, which at UCT is decentralized to faculties
• supports integrated systems used in the application and administrations process

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**ATM (BANKING & CASH MACHINES)**

- ABSA – Library, Chancellor Oppenheimer Building, Upper Campus
- ABSA – Stair landing between John Day and Chris Hani Building, University Avenue North, Upper Campus
- Capitec – Library, Chancellor Oppenheimer Building, Upper Campus
- First National Bank (FNB) – Leslie Social Science Building, Upper Campus
- Nedbank – Leslie Social Science Building, Upper Campus
- Nedbank – Library, Chancellor Oppenheimer Building, Upper Campus
- Standard Bank – Library, Chancellor Oppenheimer Building
- Standard Bank – Leslie Social Sciences Building, both on Upper Campus
- Standard Bank – Leo Marquard Hall, Lower Campus
- Standard Bank – Kramer Building, Middle Campus

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**BAXTER THEATRE CENTRE**

*Location: Main Rd, Rondebosch*
*Phone & Ticket Bookings: 021 685-7880*
*Website: [www.baxter.co.za](http://www.baxter.co.za)*
*Facebook: BaxterTheatre*
*Twitter: BaxterTheatre*

*Venue bookings for functions and conferences: 021 680-3963 / 74 or Email: elisabet.nel@uct.ac.za / beth.jeffery@uct.ac.za*

At the forefront of the performing arts, both as a popular venue and as a leading award-winning producer, the Baxter Theatre Centre presents ground-breaking, cutting edge works and masterpieces from local and international repertoires. Since its inception in August 1977, the theatre has stayed true to its promise of always being open to everyone who visits it and to create work of the highest artistic quality. The objective is to reflect the cultures of all the people of South Africa on its stages and in its foyers and galleries and, thereby, nurturing an interactive and meaningful
relationship with its audiences and patrons, while generating a spirit of goodwill and creativity. It is a cultural icon and one of the most accessible and inclusive theatres in the country, garnering local and international awards, accolades and recognition for its inherent and proudly South African productions which speak to the heart of the country’s social landscape with universal themes. The Baxter boasts five theatres, two rehearsal spaces, a bar and a vegetarian restaurant. Discounts include: Student discounts; special prices for block-bookings; fundraiser discounts for university residences, sports clubs and societies.

BENEFIT SCHEME

Location: Room 3.12.1, Bremner
Phone: 021 650-2204
E-mail: Debbie.Erasmus@uct.ac.za

The University operates a scheme which is designed as a contingency measure against unanticipated medical expenses arising out of personal injury resulting from UCT-related accidental injury. The scheme also provides funeral benefits. Limited Insurance cover is provided for some UCT related activities and excursions. Further information can be obtained from the Student Insurance Administrator, Student Wellness Service, Ivan Toms Building, Mowbray (Phone: 021 650 1020).

There is a full statement of the conditions attached to the scheme in Handbook 3 General rules and policies.

The owner of a motor vehicle is personally liable for any damage that he or she may cause to other persons or their property.

UCT will under no circumstances accept responsibility for loss or damage to students’ possessions and does not offer or sponsor any sort of personal effects insurance plan for students. Students are urged to take out their own “householder” insurance, especially if they are bringing computers and/or other expensive electronic equipment with them.

CAFETERIAS, RESTAURANTS & TRADERS

MIDDLE CAMPUS

- Law Cafeteria, Kramer Law Building, beverages, light meals, Phone: 021 686-5917
- Revelation Café, School of Economics Building – beverages, snacks, light meals
- Vegetarian Kiosk, West Entrance, Wilfred and Jules Kramer Law Building
UPPER CAMPUS
- Food & Connect Central, Otto Beit Building – beverages, snacks, light meals, Phone: 021 3620
- Food & Connect Social, Level3, Leslie Social Sciences Building – beverages, snacks, light meals, etc., Phone: 021 650 3662
- Food & Connect Social Coffee, Level 3, Leslie Social Sciences Building – beverages, snacks
- Food & Connect EBE West, Level 3, Menzies Building – beverages, snacks, light meals
- Food & Connect EBE East, Centlivres Building – beverages, snacks, light meals
- Food & Connect Humanities, Humanities Graduate School Building – beverages, snacks, light meals
- Vegetarian Kiosk, Leslie Social Sciences, Ground Floor
- Kaplan Centre Cafeteria, Kaplan Centre, Library Road, next to Oppenheimer Institute – full kosher cafeteria, Phone: 021 650-2688

Cissy Gool Food Court, Steve Biko Students’ Union, Level 3
- Afrikwazeen (halaal) – traditional African food, beverages, etc.
- Campus Café (halaal) – sweets, beverages, etc.
- Budget Rolls (halaal) – rolls, snacks, beverages
- Varsity Foods (halaal) – fast foods, beverages
- Pandaland – sushi, health foods, snacks, beverages
- Mr Daniel’s Health Shop – fruit, vegetables, beverages, snacks
- Bridgette’s after hours kiosk (halaal, near Oppenheimer Library entrance) - snacks

Sports Centre
- UCT Club, Sports Centre – full sit-down restaurant and licensed bar (undergraduate students must be accompanied by a postgraduate student or member of staff ). Phone: 021 650-3161

HEALTH SCIENCES
- Food Vendor, Barnard Fuller Building – drinks, snacks, light meals, etc.
- Food Vendor, IIDMM Building – drinks, snacks, light meals, etc. Phone: 021 686-9570
- Rade’s – home prepared vegetarian meals. Phone: 082 509 2076

HIDDINGH CAMPUS
- Faye’s – home prepared meals (halaal)
Student Printing

Students can load credits at pay points on Upper Campus at Oppenheimer Document Centre and on Medical Campus at Anatomy.

Manual loading can be done at all printing depots, online and on Snap Scan. The Papercut software will indicate the amount of credit on their accounts.

Once authenticated, students can print to and release at any device on the UCT network.

Bulk printing

Bulk printing can be submitted to the on-campus print rooms, located as follow:

Available weekdays 08h00 to 16h30:

- Robert Leslie Commerce Building, 1st floor Print Room,
- Beattie Building, 1st floor Print Room,
- Masingene Building, 3rd Floor Print Room,
- Graduate School of Business, Ground Floor Print Room.

Available Weekdays 08h00 to 16h30 & Saturdays 09h00 to 13h00:
- Oppenheimer Building Document Centre.

The bulk print rooms offer the following services:

- Mono & colour printing in A4 and A3 size,
- Finishing options include folding and stapling, hole punching and booklet making,
- Scanning,
- Laminating,
- Book binding,
- Inserting,
- Lever arch filing (post-printing),
- Flyers,
- Posters up A3,
- Secure exam printing,
- Business cards,
- Perforating,
- Folding/sealing,
- Delivery of completed print jobs to the departments,
- General litho Printing,
- Personalised laser printing,
- Mail Processing (Fully compliant with SA Post Office requirements),
- Full colour litho printing of generic stationery such as letterheads, invoices/statements,
- payslips, posters and pamphlets,
- Printing of personalised details onto the generic stationery mentioned above,
- Bulk printing of promotional letters or any other detailed personal communication,
• Standard "one-step" mailers produced from standard A3, A4 or B5 sheets of paper, the printed sheets are folded, perforated and sealed to create their own self-contained mailer (no envelope is needed). One-step mailers are ideal for statements, final demands, traffic fines, accounts, etc.

**Mobility Print**

Mobility Print allows the user to download the app onto their hand-held device and to print to the required device (after initial setup). Print jobs are released in the usual way on the Xerox device with the access card and pin. This service is for document printing only (and not email printing). This service allows more flexibility in the print options offered.

Mobile Printing Setup Specifications:

- Windows Device
- Mac book
- iPhone or iPad
- Android Device
- Chromebook

**Linux Printing**

Ensure that Java 11+ is installed for Linux printing. After setup, enter your UCT user name and password when prompted for printing. Print jobs are released in the usual way on the Xerox device with the access card and pin. Additional instructions & services are listed on the UCT website.

**Support**

All Xerox Devices are managed and maintained under a central managed solution, UCT Managed Print Services.

**New standardised email address**

A new standardised email address has been launched for MPS services - [uctmps@altron.com](mailto:uctmps@altron.com)

For assistance or to log calls, use any of the following contacts:

- Tel: 021 650 1549
- Tel: 021 650 4500 (Option 3 – Managed Print Services Support)
- uctmps@altron.com
- Jaco Albertyn at Jaco.Albertyn@altron.com

Support hours are:

- Onsite support: Weekdays 08h00 to 16h30.
- Telephonic support: Weekdays 08h00 to 20h00 & Saturdays: 09h00 to 17h00.
- After-hours telephonic support: Tel 021 650 4815 (This number is routed to the afterhours support centre. Please request to speak to the UCT standby personnel.)

Your service delivery team are:

- Onsite Supervisor: Jaco Albertyn - [Jaco.Albertyn@altron.com](mailto:Jaco.Albertyn@altron.com)
- Bulk Printing and document centres: Donovan Dryding - [Donovan.Dryding@altron.com](mailto:Donovan.Dryding@altron.com)
- Service Delivery Manager: Mark Thomas - [Mark.Thomas@altron.com](mailto:Mark.Thomas@altron.com)
The Campus Protection Services (CPS) provides a 24-hour security service for students. The staff respond to emergency calls and reports of theft, harassment and other crimes.

The Investigations department is responsible for investigating all crimes related incidents on campus. The CPS is also responsible for crime awareness and safety, detection and extinguishing of fires and assist with traffic control at UCT after hours.

Contact numbers for satellite offices:

- Access Control: 021 650-3996/4357
- Bremner Building: 021 650-2120
- Crime Investigations Manager: 021 650-2226
- Forest Hill: 021 650-3856
- Head of Operations: 021 650-1096
- Hiddingh Campus: 021 480-7101
- Kramer Building: 021 650-3022/5759
- Operations Administrator: 021 650-4654
- Main Office: 021 650-2222/3
- Medical School: 021 406-6100/6109
- Traffic Services: 021 650-3312
- Upper Campus: 021 650-2121/4080
- Crime Reporting Hotline: 021 650-4429

All satellite services are open 24 hours a day and the rest from 08h00 to 16h30.

Lost & Found Office: At the Control Office, Geo Science Extension Building, Upper Campus.

Hours: 12h00 – 14h00.
CAREERS SERVICE

Enquiries: Level 1, Hoerikwaggo, North Lane, Upper Campus
Hours: 08h30 – 16h30 Monday to Friday
Phone: 021 650-2497/8
Email: careers.service@uct.ac.za
Website: www.careers.uct.ac.za
Facebook: www.facebook.com/UCTCareers
YouTube: www.youtube.com/UCTCareersService
Twitter: @UCTCareers
UCT Mobile App: UCT- Careers Service

UCT Careers Service supports students on their journey to employment, self-employment or further studies. Alumni can use the service for up to three years after graduation.

Visit the Careers Service website or offices and access a broad range of services, facilities, opportunities and resources to help with:

- Subject/degree choice and changing course/degree
- Further study decisions
- Building a range of skills and experience
- Preparing applications: CVs, cover letters, interviews
- Finding work
- Transitioning from university to the workplace
- Entrepreneurship development

Services provided:

- Career consultations
- Career development presentations, webinars and workshops
- Entrepreneurship
- Employer networking events: career expos, company presentations and showcases
- Virtual interview rooms

Students use the Careers Service online portal, MyCareer, after their registration is finalised. The portal provides 24/7 access to resources to:

- Keep up to date with Careers Service news and events;
- Access internship and job opportunities;
- Source bursaries, scholarships and;
- Book career consultations.
The CEA is a division of the University’s Centre for Higher Education Development (CHED)*.

CEA’s mission is to be the nationally preferred provider of meaningful research and testing that contributes to access and success in higher and further education and training. In realizing this mission, CEA develops educational tests that are reliable and valid in these higher educational contexts. Its educational measurement and learning analytics research support and informs teaching and learning and educational policy with respect to selection, admission and placement in order to improve access and success.

One of CEA’s key roles is the identification of the academic potential of school-leavers to cope with the typical core demands of higher education study. It is home to the National Benchmark Tests Project.

CHAPLAINCIES

UCT does not have chaplains. Each religious denomination makes its own arrangements.

The following chaplaincies offer students counselling and an environment where they can meet their peers and co-religions. The Anglican and Roman Catholic chaplaincies also offer accommodation for students.

- Anglican, 13, Stanley Road, Middle Campus. Tel. 021 685-2686
- Methodist, 2 Chapel Lane, Rosebank. Tel. 021 686-3271
- Roman Catholic, Kolbe House, Lovers Walk. Tel. 021 685-7370
- Catholic, 8 The Alms, York Road, Rosebank.
- His People, Tel. 021 686-4910

UCT Worship Centre

An inter-faith facility is situated in the Old Students Union Building. It provides facilities for Christian, Jewish and Muslim worship. Certain student religious societies use the chapel for services on a regular basis.
**CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC**

**Location:** Isaac Albow Building, Chapel Road, Rosebank
**Phone:** 021 650-3900
**E-mail:** Susanna.Manley@uct.ac.za
**Website:** www.childguidanceclinic.uct.ac.za
**Hours:** 08h30 – 13h00 & 13:30 – 16:00
*(Appointments may be made out of clinic hours.)*

The Clinic is a teaching unit, which offers psychological help to children or young people, adults, and families, through the services of staff and students.

All those in training work under the close supervision of senior staff, who have specialised in clinical psychology. Students experiencing emotional problems may also be referred to the clinic by Student Counselling Services or can call the clinic directly.

Fees depend on means and are worked out between the client and the clinic consultant.

**COMMISSIONERS OF OATHS**

Certification of copies of documents is done at the main desk in the foyer of the Masingene Building, Middle Campus and at Medical School.

All Faculty Managers, heads of administrative departments and the Registrar are Commissioners of Oaths.

Information may be found at [http://www.students.uct.ac.za/students/services/legal-services/resources](http://www.students.uct.ac.za/students/services/legal-services/resources).

**COMMUNICATION AND MARKETING**

**Location:** Welgelegen, Lower Campus
**Phone:** 021 650-4846
**Website:** [http://www.staff.uct.ac.za/staff/services/communication-marketing](http://www.staff.uct.ac.za/staff/services/communication-marketing)

The Department of Communication and Marketing (CMD) exists to promote the University of Cape Town and to build and manage its reputation. It develops, implements and monitors communication, marketing and engagement strategies to advance the profile of UCT with key stakeholders on campus (internally) and further afield (externally). It further serves as a consultation service to the Office of the Vice-Chancellor, the Executive, Senior Leadership Group and internal UCT departments, advising on matters of communication, marketing and stakeholder relations and engagement.
The department creates and manages a comprehensive and integrated strategic marketing communications programme that includes advertising; production of promotional materials and university-wide publications; media liaison; social media; online communications; functions and events-management; strategic relationship-building initiatives, and internal communication strategies.

The department has four units: Newsroom and Publications; Media Liaison and Social Media; Online Communications; and Marketing and Stakeholder Relations.

**Newsroom and Publications**

The Newsroom and Publications unit is the content-creation hub of CMD. The team is responsible for the production of a suite of corporate information and marketing publications for UCT, as well as the online news and other multi-media communications on UCT’s main websites.

**Media Liaison and Social Media**

The media and social media team communicates to internal and external audiences about university programmes, research, and the activities of faculties and staff. The team works closely with UCT’s executive management in planning the release of news and information to both the UCT community and diverse external audiences through traditional and social media.

The unit’s proactive media relations campaign profiles UCT in the local, regional, national, international, and specialist media. The unit is responsible for publishing events, successes and innovations; writing, targeting and issuing news releases; updating students and staff on important notices, research developments, and campus events; briefing journalists; responding to media and social media enquiries, and promoting UCT staff as expert commentators on broadcast, online and print media.

**Online Communication**

The Online Communications section provides support to the UCT community for web development and management in a number of specific areas, including consultation on web development; UCT’s web policy and the management of the UCT corporate website. Before embarking on any web development, please consult UCT’s web policies and the ICTS website for more information on the options that are available to UCT staff and students.

**Marketing and Stakeholder Relations**

The marketing and stakeholder relations team is responsible for the university strategic marketing, institutional events and stakeholder engagement initiative. The unit is also responsible for facilitating and coordinating visits to the university. The marketing unit offers UCT-branded clothing, packaging, books, banners, gifts and souvenirs to the university community (staff, students and visitors) via its online catalogue at [http://www.staff.uct.ac.za/staff/services/communication-marketing/corporate-gifts-conference-packs](http://www.staff.uct.ac.za/staff/services/communication-marketing/corporate-gifts-conference-packs).
The Department of Student Affairs services students in a variety of capacities with the overall goal of student’ well-being towards academic progression and enhancing the student experience. See the cluster details below for details.

The DSA administers the policy of the University Council relating to student affairs including administration and service operation.

Student Affairs at UCT comprises the following high level clusters and divisions:

**Office of the Executive Director**

Comprising the following:
- Executive Directorate
- Finance & Operations
- Student Administration

**Student Development**

Comprising the following divisions:
- Student Orientation, Leadership and Governance
- Student Sports and Recreation

**Student Undergraduate Funding**

Comprising the following divisions:
- Student Undergraduate Funding

**Student Housing & Residence Life**

Comprising the following divisions:
- Student Housing
- Student Housing Residence Catering
- Student Housing Residence Cleaning
- Student Residence Life
- Student Housing Admissions & Advocacy Services (SHAAS)
- Finance
- Off Campus Student Accommodation Services (OCSAS)

**Student Wellness Service**

Comprising the following divisions:
- Student Counselling Services
- Student Medical Services
- Student Health Administration
- Student Outreach & Allied Services
- Peer Intervention Program (PIP)

The Executive Director: DSA has overall accountability and oversight for these Clusters. Including service and support to students via the clusters.

**Student Administration**

Location:  Steve Biko Students’ Union, Level 5  
Phone:  021 650-4916  
E-mail:  studenttreasury@uct.ac.za

The Administration Division provides the administrative and financial support to Department of Student Affairs and student organisations – Residence House Committees, Societies, Faculty Councils, Development agencies and SRC by offering various treasury services.

These services include purchasing, invoicing, petty cash, receipting of monies, bank reconciliation and funds reporting.

These services are available from Monday to Fridays between 08h30 and 15h00 with the exception of Thursdays where the service is available between 10h00 and 15h00 due to staff training and/or meetings.

These services are offered in accordance with the UCT Financial Policies and Guidelines.

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**STUDENT DEVELOPMENT**

Location:  Steve Biko Students’ Union, Level 5  
Phone Enquiries and Appointments: 021 650-3924/5389  
E-mail:  Edwina.Brooks@uct.ac.za  

The focus of this cluster is to provide a student centered service and developmental programmes through student orientation, student governance and leadership and student sports and recreation. The two units in the cluster are Student Orientation, Leadership and Governance.

Application for permission for student-run events where alcohol is served or sold on or off- campus to be made to the Director, Student Development.

**Student Orientation Leadership and Governance**

**Student Orientation**

Location:  Room 201, Level 2, Computer Science Building (Cissie Gool Plaza)  
Phone:  021 650-5082  
E-mail:  uctorientation@uct.ac.za; Vukile.Mambukwe@uct.ac.za
Website:  http://www.dsa.uct.ac.za/student-orientation/welcome

The Student Orientation service ensures the support and co-ordination of the university-wide orientation programming. It is responsible for the annual orientation leaders’ training programme.

Student Governance

Phone:  021 650-3537
Fax:  021 650-5051
E-mail:  Zola.Tame@uct.ac.za / Christine.Immenga@uct.ac.za
Website:  http://www.dsa.uct.ac.za/student-development/about-student-development

Student Governance is responsible for the support to SRC, Faculty Councils, class representatives, Student Parliament, Student Governance Court and Constitutional Committee.

Student Leadership

Location:  Reception, Level 4, Steve Biko Students' Union
Phone:  021 650-3541
E-mail:  societies@uct.ac.za, Phumza.Qwaqwa@uct.ac.za, Lindie.Gayiza@uct.ac.za

This service supports over 100 student societies, 5 development agencies and co-ordinates student leadership programmes and awards.

Division: Student Sport & Recreation

Location:  Sports Centre, 1 Madiba Circle, Upper Campus
Phone:  021 650-3564
Fax:  021 650-3781
E-mail:  Dot.Augustine@uct.ac.za
Website:  http://www.dsa.uct.ac.za/student-development/sport-clubs/overview
Hours:  08h30 to 16h00

Sport is organised by student committees assisted by professional sports administrators. UCT offers students some 35 different competitive sports and recreational activities.

STUDENT UNDERGRADUATE FUNDING

Student Funding and Administration is responsible for the provision and administration of undergraduate student financial aid and also provides administrative support to the Department of Student Affairs and Student Organisations.
Student Financial Aid provides financial assistance to students and applicants that meet the qualifying criteria. The funding policy caters for a broad range of eligible students. The assistance provided is in the form of National Student Financial Aid Scheme loans and UCT-administered bursaries. Information about financial assistance and awards offered by outside organisations is available in Handbook No 13, Bursary and Loan Opportunities for Undergraduate Study, and on the UCT website.

Students are encouraged to read the website to ensure that: 1) they know all the closing dates for financial assistance, and 2) check the bursary noticeboards for any other funding opportunities. Those receiving financial assistance must consult the Financial Aid Vula tab and their UCT email for updated information and correspondence regarding financial assistance.

The Postgraduate Funding Office administers financial assistance for postgraduate students.
Off-Campus Student Accommodation Service (OCSAS) provides a practical and viable alternative to the residence system by way of comprehensive information and guidance on off campus accommodation.

**Residences**

UCT regards a student’s experience in residence as an integral part of their student experience in being educated for life. Students in the residences are assisted in numerous ways:

- Fellow students elect the House Committee, of which the warden is a member, annually. This team is responsible for the academic and social needs and interests of the students, framing the rules, administering the house funds and ensuring the smooth running of the residence.

- The Warden is there to create and nurture a supportive social community in which students can pursue their academic objectives and achieve personal growth. The warden is therefore concerned with all aspects of residence life. The warden is supported by a team of subwardens, who are senior students employed by the University, to whom students can go to for assistance. Residence tutors and mentors provide additional support.

- The Residence Life team have the responsibility of designing leadership training and other development programmes in consultation with students and stakeholders. The aim of these programmes is to promote an optimal living and learning environment - meaning a healthier, happier and more productive way of living and learning in the residences as integral to a positive student experience.

- Residence Facilities Officers (RFO) manage housekeeping matters, such as maintenance, keys, access cards, telephones and other essentials for comfortable living.

The Student Housing and Residence Life Office produces a booklet containing useful general information for the residence community. This booklet is issued to all housing applicants.

The rules for students in residence are set out in handbook 3, General rules and policies. Questions regarding these rules may be directed by a student of a residence to their Warden or to the Student Tribunal Co-ordinator. There are 38 student residences, ranging in size from 30 to 800 students. Catering residences offer the convenience of three meals per day.
# First Tier: Catering Residences

## MALE RESIDENCES

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## FEMALE RESIDENCES

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<td>University House</td>
<td>84 students</td>
<td>Rhodes Avenue, Mowbray</td>
<td>Mr Geontebale Nodoba</td>
<td>021 650-3972</td>
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<tr>
<td>Baxter Hall</td>
<td>233 students</td>
<td>Off Chapel Road, Rosebank</td>
<td>Ms Asanda Makumese</td>
<td>021 650-3931</td>
<td>021 650-3932</td>
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<tr>
<td>Carinus</td>
<td>363 students</td>
<td>Anzio Road, Observatory</td>
<td>Ms Sandra Munenes</td>
<td>021 650-6655</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fuller Hall</td>
<td>231 students</td>
<td>Residence Road, Upper Campus</td>
<td>Dr Chao Mulenga</td>
<td>021 650-3941</td>
<td>021 650-3942</td>
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<tr>
<td>Graça Machel Hall</td>
<td>382 students</td>
<td>Show Road, Lower Campus North, Rosebank</td>
<td>Mrs Sashni Chetty</td>
<td>021 650-5573</td>
<td>021 650-5584</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tugwell Hall</td>
<td>406 students</td>
<td>Lower Campus, Rosebank</td>
<td>Mrs Bonani Dube</td>
<td>021 650-1332</td>
<td>021 650-3970</td>
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Students: 021 685 5111/2/3/4/5
Co-ed Residences

Dullah Omar Hall (72 students)
Location: Main Road, Rosebank
Warden: A/Professor Mlenge Jere
Assistant Warden: Ms Thembakazi Makwakwa
Residence Facilities Officer: 021 650-4992

Glendower (Glenres) (92 male & 47 female students)
Location: Main Road, Rosebank
Warden: Mr Patrick Rezandt
Residence Facilities Officer: 021 650-3944
Front Desk Assistant: 021 650-3945
Students: 021 689 9521/87

Rochester House (138 male & 183 female students)
Location: Browning Road, Observatory
Warden: A/Professor Bob Osano
Assistant Warden: Ms Claudia Kalil
Residence Facilities Officer: 021 650-7980
Res Facilities Assistant: 021 650-7981/2
Front Desk Assistant: 021 650 7983
Students: 021 442-5500
Security Main Desk/Gate: 021 650 7988/7991

Varietas (50 male & 96 female students)
Location: Matopo Road, Mowbray
Warden: Mr Haduse Gcinumzi
Residence Facilities Officer: 021 650-3967
Front Desk Assistant: 021 650-3960

Second Tier: Catering Residences (Co-ed)

Forest Hill & G-Block (119 students)
Location: Main Road, Mowbray
Warden: Mr Loki Manise
Assistant Wardens: Mr Sean Abrahams, Dr Rethabile Possa-Mogoera, Mr Sifiso Tshuma
Residence Facilities Officer: 021 650-2781
Res Facilities Assistant: 021 650-4624/4300/1604
Front Desk Assistant: 021 650-3942

Groote Schuur Residence (64 students)
Location: Main Road, Rondebosch
Warden: Mr Glenn von Zeil
Residence Facilities Officer: 021 650-3947/8
Students: 021 650-3948/9880/95/7625

Medical Residence (102 students)
Location: Adjoins Medical School, Anzio Road, Observatory
Warden: A/Professor David Jacobs
Residence Facilities Officer: 021 406-6494/6532
Reception: 021 406-6532
## Second Tier: Self-catering Residences (Co-ed)

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<td><strong>Forest Hill Complex, including Meulenhof</strong>, 5 blocks (657 students)</td>
<td>Location: Main Road, Mowbray</td>
<td>Warden: Mr Loki Manise</td>
<td>Assistant Wardens: Mr Sean Abrahams, Dr Rethabile Possa-Mogoera, Mr Sifiso Tshuma</td>
<td>Residence Facilities Officer: 021 650-2781</td>
<td>Res Facilities Assistant: 021 650-4624/4300/1604</td>
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<td><strong>Groote Schuur Mansions</strong> (61 students)</td>
<td>Location: Main Road, Rondebosch</td>
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<td>Residence Facilities Officer: 021 650-3947/8</td>
<td>Students: 021 650 3948 or 021 689 9880/95 or 021 685 7625</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Liesbeeck Gardens</strong> (434 students)</td>
<td>Location: Durban Road, Mowbray</td>
<td>Acting Warden: Ms Lindie Gayiza</td>
<td>Acting Assistant Warden: Ms Azalo Ralo</td>
<td>Residence Facilities Officer: 021 650-5967</td>
<td>Students: 021 685-4708/09/10/11/12</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Respublica/Roscommon</strong> (553 students)</td>
<td>Location: 125 Main Road, Claremont</td>
<td>Acting Warden: Dr Rethabile Possa-Mogoera</td>
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<td>Residence Facilities Officer: 021 650-3977</td>
<td>Students: 021 680-4050/1 / 021 680-4091/2/3/4</td>
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<td><strong>Obz Square</strong> (144 Health Sciences 2nd Tier &amp; 411 2nd Tier students)</td>
<td>Location: 129 Cnr Main &amp; Penzance Road, Observatory, 7925</td>
<td>Warden: A/Professor Muthama Muasya</td>
<td>Assistant Warden: Ms Yaliwe Clarke</td>
<td>Residence Facilities Officers: 021 404-7781</td>
<td>Res Facilities Assistant: 021 404-7781/7648</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>The Woolsack</strong> (206 students)</td>
<td>Location: Off Woolsack Drive, Middle Campus</td>
<td>Warden: A/Professor John Akokpari</td>
<td>Residence Facilities Officer: 021 650-3977</td>
<td>Front Desk Assistant: 021 650-3978</td>
<td>Students: 021 680-4050/1 / 021 680-4091/2/3/4</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>My Domain Obz</strong> (200 students postgraduate)</td>
<td>Location: 1 Seymour Street, Observatory</td>
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<td><strong>My Domain Wynberg</strong> (316 students Second Tier Mixed)</td>
<td>Location: 1-9 Church Street, Wynberg</td>
<td>Acting Warden: Mr Sean Abarahams</td>
<td>Reception: 083 541 7845</td>
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# Third Tier: Self-catering Accommodation (Co-ed)

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<td>42</td>
<td>Main Road, Rosebank</td>
<td>A/Professor Mlenga Jere</td>
<td>Ms Thembakazi Makwakwa</td>
<td>021 650-4992</td>
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<td><strong>Harold Cressy Hall (previously Palm Court)</strong></td>
<td>58</td>
<td>Main Road, Rosebank</td>
<td>A/Professor Mlenga Jere</td>
<td>Ms Thembakazi Makwakwa</td>
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<td><strong>Obz Square</strong></td>
<td>332</td>
<td>129 Cnr Main &amp; Penzance Road, Observatory</td>
<td>A/Professor Kevin Thomas</td>
<td>MrAthi Matinise</td>
<td>021 404-4992</td>
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<td><strong>JP Duminy Court</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Free-standing houses</strong></td>
<td>21</td>
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<td><strong>North Grange</strong></td>
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<td>Ms Thembakazi Makwakwa</td>
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<td><strong>Forest Hills (F Block)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Rondeberg Flats</strong></td>
<td>36</td>
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<td>Ms Thembakazi Makwakwa</td>
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<td><strong>Edwin Hart Complex</strong></td>
<td>33</td>
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<td>Ms Thembakazi Makwakwa</td>
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<td><strong>TB Davie Court</strong></td>
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<td>Main Road, Rondebosh</td>
<td>A/Professor Mlenga Jere</td>
<td>Ms Thembakazi Makwakwa</td>
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STUDENT WELLNESS SERVICE (SWS)

Location: Ivan Toms Building, 28 Rhodes Avenue, Mowbray
Phone: 021 650-1020 (health appointments); 021 650-1017 (counselling appointments)
Website: http://www.dsa.uct.ac.za/student-wellness/about-student-wellness

Clinic Hours: Mon – Wed; 08h30 – 16h30
Thurs 09h30 – 16h30 Fri 08h30 – 16h30

Services offered by the Health Team:

- Clinical consultations offered with either a Nurse or Medical Practitioner in a confidential, holistic Primary Health Care setting. All staff are qualified, accredited Medical or Nurse Practitioners.
- Emergencies will be assessed by a practitioner and referred appropriately.
- Dispensary – prescribed medication is sold at cost price, on a strictly cash basis. Patients must consult a practitioner at SWS before they purchase medication. SWS does not operate as a pharmacy.

HIV Pre and Post Test Counselling is offered free to all students. VCT (Voluntary Counselling & Testing) is available at the following sites:

SWS offices – appointment required and is approximately one hour.

Drop-in service at Sports Centre. No appointment required and consultation is 20 minutes. Open Mondays to Fridays 10.30 – 15.00.

Rapid HIV test result available 15 minutes after counselling. Information is confidential.

Some of the problems for which SWS can provide assistance include:

- Reproductive health i.e. STI, pregnancy, contraception, PAP smears;
- Managed Medical conditions-Asthma, Diabetes, Hypertension, HIV, Tuberculosis;
- Extra-time assessments and Deferred exams/academic appeals;
- Accident insurance/sports injury claims - insurance to cover accidental injury;
- Referrals – physiotherapists, dentists, X-Rays, Tertiary Hospitals, Private Hospitals and specialists;
- Travel advice – Malaria prophylaxis and prevention;
- Minor surgical procedures – suturing, incision and drainage of abscesses;

Do you have to pay?

Consultations with a Nurse Practitioner is R60 cash, and is free to students on financial aid.

Consultations with a Medical Practitioner are charged at Medical Aid Rates. Strictly by appointment. All missed appointments not cancelled within 12 hours are charged for.

Students receiving a financial aid package from UCT do not pay to see a Medical
Practitioner when referred by a nurse practitioner, however, they are still responsible for paying cash for their medication.

HIV testing, STI medication and basic contraceptives are free.

**Services offered by the Counselling Team:**
- Counselling and psychological are offered by HPCSA registered psychologists and a social worker;
- The first session will involve an assessment of the problem followed by an agreement between the therapist and client on a way forward;
- Typically sessions are up to 50 minutes long and are conducted on a weekly basis, usually over a period of 6 – 8 weeks;
- Students are mostly seen for individual psychotherapy, but group psychotherapy is also offered;
- Students access the service for a range of problems which may include: adjustment to UCT; homesickness; feelings of alienation; socio-economic challenges; stress and anxiety; depression; suicidal ideation; relationship issues; rape and sexual assault; harassment; family problems; bereavement; academic appeals; applications for concessions etc.

**Appointments**
- To ensure that they are seen as soon as possible, students are required to complete an appointment request form.
- The form can be obtained from the SWS Counselling team receptionist, who can be reached on 021 650 1017 or via the SWS website at [http://www.dsa.uct.ac.za/student-wellness/health-services/overview](http://www.dsa.uct.ac.za/student-wellness/health-services/overview).
- Appointment requests are screened daily, during office hours, on weekdays by a registered psychologist. An appointment will be allocated as soon as a psychologist has an available time slot.
- Students are encouraged, if they have the means to i.e. medical aid or financial resources, to access private resources.

**Do you have to pay?**
Fees are on a sliding scale from R20 to R150 and are highly negotiable.

**EMERGENCY NUMBERS – PSYCHIATRIC CRISIS & EMERGENCY SUPPORT**

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<td>C23 Psychiatric Emergency Unit Groote Schuur Hospital</td>
<td>021 404-2175</td>
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<tr>
<td>UCT Student Careline</td>
<td>0800 24 25 26 / SMS 31393</td>
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<tr>
<td>Life Line</td>
<td>021 461-1111 /3</td>
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<tr>
<td>Suicide Helpline</td>
<td>0800 567 567</td>
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<tr>
<td>Childline (Freecall)</td>
<td>0800 055 555</td>
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<td>RapeCrisis</td>
<td>021 447-9762</td>
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DISABILITY SERVICE – OFFICE FOR INCLUSIVITY & CHANGE

Location: Room 4.03, Level 4, John Day Building, Upper Campus
Phone: 021 650-2427
E-mail: Cedric.williams@uct.ac.za
Website: http://www.oic.uct.ac.za/disability-service

The University is committed to working towards the creation of a discrimination free and inclusive environment, which encourages disabled students’ full, independent and effective participation in the mainstream of UCT life. The Disability Service works together with students and staff to facilitate the removal of barriers facing disabled students and staff.

Some examples of the Disability Service’s work include:

- Advocacy on disability issues
- Support in transforming attitudinal barriers that may be encountered
- Improving access to inaccessible venues and disabled parking
- Marking available lecture and study material in alternative format for people with sensory impairments
- Ensuring fully accessible transport between residences and lectures. Assisting in the provision of accessible residential accommodation
- Making available literature related to disability studies and disability research.
- Facilitation of extra time applications and/or other accommodations around exams for students with disabilities

Students with Specific Learning and mental health disabilities can also access support at the Disability Service.

EDUCARE CENTRE

Location: Nursery Road, Upper Campus
Phone: 021 650-3522
E-mail: Juanita.petersen@uct.ac.za
Hours: 8h00 to 15h00

Started on campus by the Women’s Movement in 1978, the Centre provides educare facilities for the children of staff and students and has an enrolment of over 93 children. It is situated in a pleasant mountainside setting, with ample outdoor play areas.

The Centre caters for six groups: from infants/toddlers (3 months to 2 years) to preschool (2 to 5 years). It is open throughout the year and closes only for two weeks between Christmas and New Year.

The Centre employs trained staff, each class teacher has a teacher assistant. A structured programme (National Curriculum Framework – NCF) is followed and extra-mural activities, which compliments the curriculum. Fees are on a sliding scale according to parents’ income.
One space per class has been reserved for undergraduates who cannot afford to place their child at the Educare Centre (30 October being the closing date for such applications). Parents will however be required to contribute 30% towards the monthly fee payment. The Financial Aid office will refer such requests to the Educare Centre.

FACULTY OFFICES
Website: [http://www.students.uct.ac.za/students/study/faculties/list](http://www.students.uct.ac.za/students/study/faculties/list)

UCT has six faculties (listed below). The staff of the office of the faculty in which you are registered are able to answer queries about:

- curricula (degree programmes)
- adding or withdrawing from courses
- matric exemption
- supplementary/deferred exams
- transferring to another degree
- leave of absence procedures
- credits/exemptions
- any administrative problems you might have within the faculty. Your faculty should always be notified of any change in your address.

Academic advisers / student advisers or curriculum advisers advise students on how to complete their curricula and on any problems they might have with their curricula. They may be contacted directly or through the Faculty Office.

Each faculty publishes a faculty handbook, which lists its rules for degrees, descriptions of its programmes, outlines of courses, names of academic and administrative staff, the lecture timetable (in some cases) and other important information such as minimum requirements for admission to the next year of study.

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**FACULTY OF COMMERCE**

Location: Leslie Commerce Building, Engineering Mall, Upper Campus
Undergraduate: 021 650-2558
Postgraduate: 021 650-2001
General: 021 650-4375
E-mail: com-faculty@uct.ac.za
Website: [www.commerce.uct.ac.za](http://www.commerce.uct.ac.za)
EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT UNIT IN COMMERCE
Phone: 021 650-3866
Website: http://www.educommerce.uct.ac.za/

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT
Location: Level 5, New Engineering Building, Madiba Circle, Upper Campus
Phone: 021 650-2699
E-mail: ebe-faculty@uct.ac.za
Website: www.ebe.uct.ac.za

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES
Location: Barnard Fuller Building, Faculty of Health Sciences, Anzio Road, Observatory
Phone: 021 406-6634
E-mail: fhs-ug-admiss@uct.ac.za
Website: www.health.uct.ac.za

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES
Location: Beattie Building, University Avenue South, Upper Campus
Undergraduate: 021 650-2717
E-mail: hum-ugrad@uct.ac.za
Postgraduate: 021 650-2691
E-mail: hum-postgrad@uct.ac.za
Website: www.humanities.uct.ac.za

FACULTY OF LAW
Location: Wilfred and Jules Kramer Building, Middle Campus
Phone: 021 650-5648/3086/7
E-mail: law-studies@uct.ac.za
Website: www.law.uct.ac.za

FACULTY OF SCIENCE
Location: Room 6.54, Level 6, PD Hahn Building, Chemistry Road, Upper Campus
Phone: 021 650-2712
E-mail: sci-science@uct.ac.za
Website: www.science.uct.ac.za
FEES OFFICE
Location: Level 3, Wilfred & Jules Kramer Law Building, Middle Campus
Phone: 021 650-1704
Fax: 021 650-4768
Hours: 09h00 – 15h30 (except Thursdays 09h30 – 15h30)
E-mail: fnd-feeenq@uct.ac.za
Website: http://www.students.uct.ac.za/students/fees-funding/fees/handbook

Student Internet Self Service is accessed at: http://studentsonline.uct.ac.za

The Fees Office deals with enquiries regarding students’ academic fee accounts. Enquiries about residence fees should be directed to the Student Housing Office. The International Academic Programmes Office handles enquiries regarding international tuition fees. The Human Resource Department handles enquiries regarding staff tuition rates.

External bursary and scholarship refunds are made through the Fees Office, after deduction of fees due in accordance with sponsors’ instructions.

Dates for payment of fees can be found in the Student Fees handbook, which is available on the UCT website (see above) or from the Fees Office. Fees can be paid at the Cashier’s Office, Level 3, Wilfred & Jules Kramer Law Building, (hours as above) or by direct bank transfer. Credit card payments can be made directly to the student fees account via the UCT website URL: http://payonline.uct.ac.za/ or at the Cashier’s Office by the cardholder.

Registered students are responsible for updating their contact information on the student system and can change their address on the web via the Student Self Service bar on the UCT website (see above).

Students who qualify for graduation must check at the Fees Office for any outstanding balances on their fee accounts, or check their fee accounts on the web via the Student Self Service bar on the UCT website (see above).

FINANCIAL AID

INFORMATION
COMMUNICATION &
TECHNOLOGY SERVICES (ICTS)

Front Office: ICTS Front Office, Room 2.01, Computer
Sciences Building, Cissie Gool Plaza, Upper
Campus
Phone: 021 650-4500
E-mail: icts-helpdesk@uct.ac.za
Website: http://www.icts.uct.ac.za
Cybersecurity: http://www.csirt.uct.ac.za
Social Media: http://www.facebook.com/icts.uct
Twitter: http://www.twitter.com/UCT_ICTS

ICTS is responsible for the Information and Communication Technology strategy,
planning, management and provision of all core ICT services and infrastructure to
campus. The department also provides ICT support and training to staff and
students.

The campus is fully networked and there is campus-wide WiFi coverage. Computer
labs situated around campus and in some residences provide computing access
to students. Students have access to a wide range of useful software, such as
Office 365, McAfee Endpoint Security, as well as statistical and referencing
packages, from the Downloads page at https://ictsdownloads.uct.ac.za. They can
also access online learning resources such as LinkedIn Learning
(http://www.icts.uct.ac.za/self-training). Students are provided with a myUCT
email address for life via Microsoft Office 365. Students have access to both
Google Drive and OneDrive, which are cloud platforms they can use to store and
back up files as long as they are registered at UCT. Google Drive offers 10TB of
online storage and OneDrive 1TB of storage. Instructions on using these platforms
are available on the ICTS website (http://www.icts.uct.ac.za/cloud-apps)

In addition to infrastructure and services, ICTS supports students with their IT-
related issues. There is a wealth of information on the ICTS website to help
students access and use the UCT systems and to troubleshoot any problems they
may have. Students can also ask for help from the lab administrators in ICTS-
managed computer labs, via social media, or at the Front Office on upper campus
and the ICTS walk-in centre in Mowbray. ICTS uses email, the website and social
media to keep campus informed of new or changed services or any IT-related
issues that may affect the UCT community.

The UCT Mobile app helps students to navigate not only the physical campus, but
also the digital one. It includes mobile access to Vula, exam timetables, Jammie
Shuttle schedules and maps to campus buildings, among other useful features.
The app can be downloaded from the Apple app store and the Google Play Store.

The following links are useful for new students:

- Student computing (www.icts.uct.ac.za/student-computing)
• Checklist for setting up IT services (www.icts.uct.ac.za/digital-checklist)
• Getting connected to the UCT network (www.icts.uct.ac.za/internet-networking)
• Connecting to wireless (www.icts.uct.ac.za/wireless-at-uct)
• Accessing your email (www.icts.uct.ac.za/myUCT)
• Changing your password (https://password.uct.ac.za)
• Software downloads (https://ictsdownloads.uct.ac.za)
• PeopleSoft Student Administration Self Service: (https://studentsonline.uct.ac.za)
• Vula Learning Management Platform: (https://vula.uct.ac.za)
• Cybersecurity: UCT CSIRT (www.csirt.uct.ac.za)
• ICTS at UCT YouTube channel (https://www.youtube.com/c/ICTSatUCT/videos)

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES OFFICE (IAPO)
Locations: Level 3, Masingene Building, Middle Campus Phone: 021 650-2822/3740
E-mail: iapo@uct.ac.za
Website: www.international.uct.ac.za

IAPO empowers internationalisation at UCT by being the partner and first port of call on all matters internationalisation. IAPO welcomes approximately 5000 international students to the university each year and provides the following services:

• Advice, information, support and a central point of contact to all international students. This includes:
  o providing advice and information about visas and study permits, including the necessary letters from UCT to support applications for study visas.
  o providing letters of support to confirm registration, verify permission to work in South Africa under various visa provisions, facilitate international students’ opening of bank accounts, and in support of visa applications for international conference travel.
  o providing pre-departure information and advice about UCT and Cape Town to students before their arrival here.
  o advising on requirements for medical aid and on appropriate medical aid providers within South Africa.
  o advising on housing matters and assisting with housing placements with private landlords/ service providers.
• Working closely with student leadership structures and sponsoring international student societies’ events where possible, to promote the integration of international and local students.
• Managing the recruitment, application and admission processes for study abroad and exchange students through the Semester Study Abroad programme.

• Coordinating UCT’s academic exchange programmes with international partner universities and managing the recruitment, selection and support of UCT students on academic exchange.

• Serving as a resource centre for UCT staff and students regarding UCT’s international partner universities and exchange opportunities abroad.

• Establishing and maintaining partnerships with leading universities worldwide, and meeting with visitors to the university as needed.

• Maintaining contact with and lobbying the Department of Home Affairs on behalf of students with pending permit applications, in cases of arrest, deportation and other immigration compliance related matters.

• Promoting UCT’s Afrika vision by initiating and supporting agreements with African universities.

• Coordinating funded consortium mobility programmes with African and worldwide partners such as:
  - the University Science, Humanities and Engineering Partnerships in Africa (USHEPiA) programme and Africa Regional International Staff/Student Exchange (ARISE). Through these targeted interventions, UCT provides access to higher education for postgraduate students on the continent, and maintains and enhances linkages with higher education institutions and research networks worldwide.
  - the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program – an initiative that provides academically talented yet economically disadvantaged young people from developing countries – particularly from Africa – with access to quality and relevant secondary and university education.

• Partnering with the Confucius Institute at UCT, which promotes the learning of Chinese language and culture as well as a broader understanding of China in South Africa.

• Partnering with academics at UCT and international universities to offer short-term programmes that are innovative in promoting internationalisation, capacity building and addressing global concerns.

• Handling queries for international academic programmes including those for UCT undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications, for study abroad and exchange, and for international occasional studies for non-degree purposes.

• Managing the collection of tuition fees from international and SADC students.

• Financial management of donor-funded international academic partnerships.

• Administering the United States Federal Loan programme at UCT.

• Coordinating orientation programmes for new international students.

• Coordinating the pre-registration immigration and fees clearance processes for all international and SADC students and reporting to the Department of Home Affairs on behalf of the Registrar.
JAMMIE SHUTTLE / UNIVERSITY TRANSPORT SERVICES

Location: Tugwell Terminus, Baxter Road, Rondebosch
Phone: 021 650-5289
E-mail: jshuttle@uct.ac.za
Website: http://www.students.uct.ac.za/students/services/transport-parking/jammie-shuttle

A unique shuttle service, called the Jammie Shuttle, is available free to all UCT students and staff members. A fleet of buses operate according to a strictly controlled schedule.

Busses are fitted with tracking systems that allows its location to be constantly monitored.

The benefits of using the service are obvious – no cost to the passenger, no battling with traffic and parking, you can use the time to chat to friends and read, and you’re doing your bit for the environment. The scheduled service is available on weekdays, weekends and holidays, during both term time and vacation. It also includes a late-night service from 00h30 – 05h00.

Timetables and route maps are available on the UCT website at http://www.students.uct.ac.za/students/services/transport-parking/jammie-shuttle/routes-timetables.

The Jammie Shuttle service is only available to the UCT Community, therefore passengers are assured of safe, friendly, clean and comfortable transport at all times. The buses are environmentally friendly and equipped to cater for sight- and hearing-impaired students, including two buses fitted with wheel-chair lifts.

LIBRARIES

UCT’s Library is a network of libraries across several campuses. The Main Library is the Chancellor Oppenheimer Library Complex (COLC), which forms a U-shape around Sarah Baartman Hall on the Upper Campus. If you are a Science, Engineering, Commerce, or Humanities student, most of your learning material will be found in the Main Library. There are also branch libraries focus on Law, Music, Health Sciences, Art and Drama, Botany, the Built Environment, and Special Collections.

Website: We encourage you to become familiar with the Libraries’ website http://www.lib.uct.ac.za, where you will find discover the range of our services and links to thousands of online resources including study guides, full-text journal articles, electronic books and databases that allow you to find articles in hundreds of journals with a single search query. The Libraries’ online catalogue lets you search for books, DVDs, and other material in UCT Libraries.
Student card: Your student card permits you to gain access to the Libraries, borrow items, make photocopies, and print in all Libraries.

Virtual Library Services: UCT Libraries has introduced a comprehensive Virtual Library Service in cognition of Covid-19 conditions and support for remote teaching and learning. Virtual reference and Information support is available from Monday to Friday, 08h30 – 17h00. For more information, visit: http://www.lib.uct.ac.za/lib/virtual-support

Tours of the Libraries: At the start of each academic year, librarians conduct tours of the Main Library, or your special branch library during which you will be introduced to the library, its resources, spaces, facilities and most importantly, the opportunity to meet your librarian, the best resource ever!

Borrowing materials: If you are an undergraduate, you may borrow up to 6 items at a time or 12 if you are a postgraduate. Material you wish to borrow may be checked out at the Loans Desk in the Hub or you may use the available self-check machine (Phone: 021 650 -3118/3134).

Short Loans: If you are an undergraduate, the most important place in the Library is likely to be the Short Loans Centre in the Hub. Here your lecturers put the most important readings for your courses. You may borrow these for up to three hours during the day, or overnight for use at home. (Phone: 021 650-3117).

Inter-Library Loans: The Inter-Library Loans Department facilitates access to materials, which we may not have for your studies or research from a wide network of universities around the world. It is also located in the Hub (Phone: 021 650-3113/1245)

Library Rules: The rules for the use of the library and general conduct in the library are available in Book 3 of the University’s handbook series, General Rules and Policies, or on the Libraries’ web page.

### Chancellor Oppenheimer Library Complex

| Location: | Upper Campus |
| Phone Enquiries: |  |
| Information Desk: | 021 650-3703/4 |
| Loans Desk: | 021 650-3134 |
| Twitter: | @UCTLibrary |
| Facebook: | @uctlibraries |
| Instagram: | @uctlibraries |

**The Vincent Kolbe Knowledge Commons:**

**Phone enquiries:** (021) 650 4313

**Location:** At the main entrance to the Chancellor Oppenheimer Library Complex. The facility provides undergraduates with a “one-stop-shop” for access to electronic learning and research resources, plus office software to process their work. Qualified library staff and skilled Library Buddies offer a service that is available during opening hours.

**Library Hours:**

**Term Hours** (including the short mid-term vacations):
Mon-Thurs: 08h00-22h00; Fri: 08h00-18h00; Sat: 09h00-17h00.
Opening hours are extended during study week and exams.

**Vacation Hours** (mid-year and year-end vacations):
Mon-Fri: 08h30-17h00; Sat: 09h00-12h30

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**Research Commons**

**Location:** Level 6 South, Chancellor Oppenheimer Library Complex, Upper Campus  
**Phone:** 021 650-4473

The Research Commons is a well-appointed facility specifically designed to cater for the information and workspace needs of senior postgraduates, Postdoctoral Research Fellows, and academic staff. The Research Commons offers spacious workstations with high-end PCs and an excellent selection of software applications; laptops for use within the Commons; high-speed internet connections; printing, scanning, and copying facilities; a seminar room for collaborative work; and a comfortable lounge where users can relax and network with colleagues. Experienced library staff are on hand to assist with patrons’ information needs and to arrange consultations with subject specialists as needed.

**Term-time:** Mon – Thurs: 08h30–19h00; Fri: 08h30–18h00; Sat: 09h00–13h00  
**Vacations:** Mon – Fri: 08h30–17h00; Sat: 09h00–12h30

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**Research Wing**

To deliver specialist services to postgraduate students and researchers, the Libraries have created a Research Wing extending over two floors in the Chancellor Oppenheimer Library Complex. Here you will find liaison librarians available for consultations at all stages of your research, special research collections, and a well-equipped, quiet, and comfortable haven for study, research, and writing. Facilities for scanning, photocopying, and printing are available.

**Business Corner** – In the Research Wing on Level 5 you will find the Business Corner with dedicated workstations providing access to special financial databases available. UCT Libraries subscribe to Bloomberg, Eikon/Datastream and IRESS. These databases provide students with national and international financial, economic, stock market and company data.

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**Bolus Herbarium Library**

**Location:** H W Pearson Botany Building, University Avenue, Upper Campus  
**Phone:** 021 650-3774  
**Website:** [http://www.bolus.lib.uct.ac.za](http://www.bolus.lib.uct.ac.za)  
**E-mail:** Lib-bolus@uct.ac.za
This branch library comprises of a comprehensive collection of works relating to systematic and evolutionary botany, plant ecology, ecophysiology, and conservation ecology (much of it in a South African context), as well as numerous international journals focusing on these specific topics.

**Hours of Opening:** Mon-Fri: 10h00-12h00. Closed Saturdays.

**Brand van Zyl Law Library**

**Location:** Wilfred & Jules Kramer Law School, Middle Campus  
**Phone:** 021 650-2708  
**Website:** [http://www.law.lib.uct.ac.za](http://www.law.lib.uct.ac.za)  
**E-mail:** Lib-law@uct.ac.za

This branch library is housed within the Law Faculty on Middle Campus. In addition to a comprehensive collection of legal materials, primarily on South African jurisdiction, this library houses the prestigious Brand van Zyl antiquarian collection that comprises about 5,000 volumes on Roman-Dutch Law and 17th- and 18th-century legal works.

**Term-time:** Mon-Thurs: 08h00-22h00; Fri: 08h00-17h00; Sat: 09h00-17h00  
**Vacations:** Mon-Fri: 08h00-12h00  

**Built Environment Library**

**Location:** Centlivres Building, Upper Campus  
**Phone:** 021 650-2370  
**Website:** [http://www.builtenvironment.lib.uct.ac.za/](http://www.builtenvironment.lib.uct.ac.za/)  
**E-mail:** lib-bel@uct.ac.za

This branch library serves the School of Architecture, Planning & Geomatics and the Department of Construction Economics & Management. The physical collection comprises of books, videos, DVDs, journals, departmental theses and student project.

Facilities include workstations for searching library resources. The library offers wireless connectivity, a multipurpose printer/scanner photocopier, and a 24/7 group study room for students.

**Term-time:** Mon-Thurs: 08h30-18h00; Fri: 08h30-17h00; Sat: 09h00-13h00  
**Vacations:** Mon-Fri: 08h30-17h00, 14h00-17h00

**Hiddingh Hall Library**

**Location:** Hiddingh Campus, Orange Street, Cape Town  
**Phone:** 021 650-7135  
**Website:** [http://www.hiddingh.lib.uct.ac.za/](http://www.hiddingh.lib.uct.ac.za/)  
**E-mail:** lib-hiddingh@uct.ac.za  
**Facebook:** [https://www.facebook.com/HiddinghHallLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/HiddinghHallLibrary)  
**Twitter:** @HiddinghHallLib  
**Instagram:** uct_hiddingh_hall_library
This branch library serves the Department of History of Art and Fine Art, the Centre for Theatre, Dance and Performance Studies (CTDPS), the Little Theatre and the Centre for Curating the Archive. The physical collection comprises books, videos, and journals. Facilities include PCs and Macs, wireless network, printer and photocopiers, audio visual viewing room and access to UCT Libraries e-books, e-journals and electronic databases.

**Term-time:** Mon – Thurs: 08h30–18h00; Fri: 08h30–17h00; Sat: 10h00–13h00

**Vacations:** Mon – Fri: 08h30–17h00

### Institute of Child Health Library (ICH)

**Location:** Red Cross War Memorial Children’s Hospital, Rondebosch

**Phone:** 021 658-5353

**Website:** [http://www.institutechildhealth.lib.uct.ac.za](http://www.institutechildhealth.lib.uct.ac.za)

**E-Mail:** lib-ich@uct.ac.za

**Twitter:** @UCT_ICHLibrary

The ICH Library is a satellite of the Bongani Mayosi Health Sciences Library specialising in all aspects of paediatrics and child health.

**Hours of Opening:**

.Library: Mon-Fri: 08h30-18h00.

.Vacation Library: Mon-Fri: 08h30-13h00, 14h00-17h00.

.Computer Lab: Mon-Fri: 08h30-18h00.

.Vacation Computer Lab: Mon-Fri: 08h30-17h00.

### Bongani Mayosi Health Sciences Library

**Location:** Anzio Road, Observatory

**Phone:** 021 406-6138

**Website:** [http://www.lib.uct.ac.za/lib/libraries/hsl](http://www.lib.uct.ac.za/lib/libraries/hsl)

**E-mail:** lib-medref@uct.ac.za

**Twitter:** @uct_bmhsl

This library serves the joint staff of the Faculty of Health Sciences and UCT teaching hospitals as well as the students in the health sciences. It is housed in a separate building adjacent to the Faculty of Health Sciences with a comprehensive collection built up over many decades.

**Term-time:** Mon – Thurs: 08h30–22h00; Fri: 08h30–17h00; Sat: 08h30–12h30

**Vacations:** Mon – Fri: 08h30–17h00; Sat: 08h30–12h30

### W H Bell Music Library

**Location:** South African College of Music, Lower Campus

**Phone:** 021 650-2624/4294

**Website:** [http://www.music.lib.uct.ac.za](http://www.music.lib.uct.ac.za)

**E-mail:** Lib-music@uct.ac.za

**Twitter:** @UCTMusicLib
This branch library serves the South African College of Music and the Centre for Theatre, Dance and Performance Studies (CTDPS). It has an extensive collection of books, periodicals and recordings related to music and dance.

**Term-time:** Mon-Fri: 08h30-17h00. Sat: 09h00-12h00

**Long Vacations:** Mon-Fri: 08h30-17h00. Sat: Closed

### Special Collections

**Location:** Maitland House, River Park, Mowbray (new location)
Formerly housed in the Jagger Library Building, which was destroyed by fire on 18 April 2021

**Phone:** 021 650-4089

**Website:** [http://www.specialcollections.uct.ac.za/](http://www.specialcollections.uct.ac.za/)

**Term-time:** Mon – Fri: 08h30–17h30; Sat: 09h00–13h00

Special Collections consists of several published and primary resource collections providing researchers with access to a wide range of local and unique resources.

Following the Jagger fire, we have been focused on the Salvage and Recovery Project to reconstitute our Library and Archive holdings. Reference services will be gradually re-introduced in the 2022 academic year for access to published and archival materials not affected by the fire, or fully restored (for books). Physical access will be provided only by appointment, with advance notice, and at this stage, we are only able to accommodate UCT staff and students who have been vaccinated.

### Published Collections:

#### African Studies Collection

This extensive closed (items are not for loan) collection of published material provides research and reference resources on Africa, with a strong Southern African focus. The collection includes books, journals, pamphlets, maps and posters. Library patrons should note that the books in the African Studies Collection may be used only in the Jagger Reading Room – they may not be loaned out.

*Please note that following the Jagger Library fire of the 18th April 2021, the remains of the African Studies Collection that was salvaged from the Jagger Library is currently unavailable for use.*

#### Rare Books & Antiquarian Collection

This collections consist of material which is rare or specialized in nature, including incunabula, African children’s literature and a beautiful fore-edge painting collection.

The Rare Books and Antiquarian collections houses impressive collections of materials that includes many rare and valuable books in the various subject-
focused sub-collections. Of particular interest is the collection of books exhibiting the specialised art form of fore-edge paintings. These paintings only become visible when the edges of the pages are fanned out.

Also included is a very extensive collection of South African children’s books in a variety of indigenous languages. One of the more recent collections is the Antarctica collection – a collection that may be of interest to political scientists, international and environmental legal scholars and researchers, natural scientists and geologists, as well as historians and environmentalists.

*Please note that following the Jagger Library fire of the 18th April 2021, the Rare and Antiquarian Book Collection was salvaged from the Jagger Library is currently unavailable for use.*

**Government Publications:**

**Location:** COLC, Level 5, Chancellor Oppenheimer Library, Upper Campus  
**Phone:** 021 650-3177  
**Website:** [http://www.governmentpublications.lib.uct.ac.za](http://www.governmentpublications.lib.uct.ac.za)

Government Publications is a collection of publications of national, provincial and local government and some international government organisations. We have historical and current publications of Southern African countries and current publications of many African countries, including French and Portuguese speaking countries.

The collection includes publications of African regional organisations: SADC, COMESA, EAC, ECOWAS, the AU and NEPAD.

The collection includes a variety of formats, such as maps, posters, digital and microform, as well as books, pamphlets, periodicals and serials. Our service includes locating online government information and assisting with searching database.

**Term-time:** Mon-Fri: 08h00-17h00  
**Vacations:** Mon-Fri: 08h30-17h00

*A substantial part of the Government Publications was destroyed in the Jagger Library fire of the 18th April. Staff are in the process of adding replacement copies to the collection where they are available and adding new items to the collection.*

**Primary Collections**

The Libraries’ diverse holdings include three distinct repositories of primary source material, including Manuscripts and Archives, Archival Film, and Photography, consolidated in the archives of Special Collections. These rich holdings of primary research material relate to the political, social, cultural and economic history of South Africa, with a particular focus on the Western Cape. The comprehensive
collection includes materials donated by UCT staff, student and benefactors. The archival material includes manuscripts, sound, film, images, objects and born-digital material.

Following the Jagger fire, the archival repositories housed in the Jagger Library were removed by emergency salvage operations and are currently in the process of being reconstituted and treated where required. These materials are not available until further notice.

Reference services will be gradually re-introduced in the 2022 academic year for access to archival materials not affected by the fire. Physical access will be provided only by appointment, with advance notice, and at this stage, we are only able to accommodate UCT staff and students who have been vaccinated.

**Digital Library Services**

**Location:** Level 7, Jagger Library Building, Library Road, Upper Campus  
**Phone:** 021 650 2957  
**Website:** [http://www.digitalservices.lib.uct.ac.za/](http://www.digitalservices.lib.uct.ac.za/)  
**E-mail:** dls@uct.ac.za  
**Twitter:** @DigitalUct

The Digital Library Services (DLS) department offers a variety of digitisation and research data management (RDM) services to students and staff at UCT. Services include project management advice, training, and curation services for transferring a wide variety of audio-visual, photographic and paper documents to digital format as well as for curating the data for long-term digital preservation and showcasing as digital collections online.

We are continually developing and implementing technologies to enhance and present UCT’s scholarship online as openly accessible resources for research, teaching and learning worldwide.

Our RDM service assists researchers with organising, managing, curating, and sharing the data that they create during research projects to facilitate its preservation and access for present and future use. Together with our partners at UCT eResearch, the Research Office and ICTS, we provide you with access to datasets and the tools needed to access, manage, share, archive or publish scholarly outputs.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) support is also available through the DLS department. We support UCT staff and postgraduate researchers with their GIS troubleshooting, project planning, analysis, cartographic design, data handling as well as access to GIS Training resources.

**To make an appointment contact us at:** dls@uct.ac.za  
**Opening times (NB: by appointment only):** Mon – Fri: 09h00 – 17h00.
LSSA-LEAD SCHOOL FOR LEGAL PRACTICE

Location: 1st Floor, Burg House, Belmont Office Parks, 14 Belmont Road, Rondebosch

Phone: 021 650-4481
Fax: 021 650-4484
E-mail: Dawn.Arendse@uct.ac.za
Website: www.lssalead.org.za
Hours: 12h00 – 12h30

The School for Legal Practice caters for postgraduate law students who have to fulfil practical requirements for their course of study. Thus, it assists by providing candidate attorneys for the University court system at no cost. Appointments are made only at 10h00 or at 12h00 on weekdays. The School does not assist staff.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

ER24 PARAMEDIC SERVICE

Phone: 084124 / UCT internal 8110

UCT has an agreement with ER24 for a 24-hour emergency call-out service to all campuses.

In the event of a medical emergency, ER24 will provide trained personnel to transport the affected person to hospital if required. The cost for this transport will be for that individual’s medical aid or personal account.

The following features are included in this service:

- Medical staff are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to offer medical advice.
- A 24-hour counselling service is available in the event of trauma, poisoning, emergencies related to suicide, substance abuse, bereavement or rape.
- 24-hour response to any emergency
- All calls are confidential. Campus Protection Services (CPS) will be informed that an ER24 call has been received on campus, but the nature of the call will not be revealed.

Steps to follow in a medical emergency:

- The call can be initiated by the individual who is ill or injured, or any other concerned person.
- When you make your call, please provide the following information:
  - What is wrong?
  - Where is the person?
Who is with the person?
Are there any hazards or dangers in the area?
- ER24 will advise on any immediate actions to be taken. It will dispatch an ambulance if necessary.
- ER24 will advise CPS of the call and verify that an ambulance is on the way.
- CPS will meet the ambulance at an identified point and escort it to the exact location.

 Queries or comments regarding the services to be forwarded to ohs@uct.ac.za.

MINOR CASES – STUDENT WELLNESS SERVICES

Phone: 021 65-1020

Minor Cases are all medical conditions that are not life-threatening and do not require immediate hospitalization. The Student Wellness Service provides primary healthcare at normal general practice rates. Services are available during normal working hours, Monday to Friday. After-hours Primary Healthcare services are provided by Pharmacy Clinics located on Main Road Mowbray. These operate until 10 pm daily.

OFFICE FOR INCLUSIVITY & CHANGE (OIC)

Location: We are currently in three locations
Website: www.oic.uct.ac.za

24/7 Standby No. (Sexual assault emergency response): 072 393 7824

Inclusion, Culture Change, Prevention and Education Office
Location: Ivan Toms Building, 28 Rhodes Avenue, Mowbray (Next to the Student Wellness Services)
Phone: 021 650-1006

Sexual Assault, Discrimination and Harassment Office
Location: The Cottage, Lovers Walk, Lower Campus
Phone: 021 650-3530

Disability Service Office
Location: Level 4, Steve Biko Students’ Union, Upper Campus
Phone: 021 650-2427

The Office for Inclusivity and Change (OIC) provides institutional responses towards transformation, sexual and gender-based violence, disability and cultural change.

The activities of the OIC are:

- Developing, reviewing and steering policy implementation.
- Student capacity building (peer education workshops for students).
- Transformation capacity building services for staff and between staff and students.
• Assisting and advising the campus community in matters of discrimination, sexual harassment, harassment, domestic violence and rape.
• Providing a survivor-support centered approach in incidences of sexual assault and violence.
• Case management, mediation and training.
• Developing institutional transformation communication campaigns and awareness events.
• Coordinating the university’s sexual diversity programme.
• Ensuring social justice curricula development and implementation.
• Providing a disability service that works towards removing all physical, policy, information and attitudinal barriers that might prevent students and staff from fulfilling their full potential.
• Mapping the university’s response to transformation.
• Research and programme monitoring and evaluation.
• Networking with other higher education institutions and organisations.

Services offered in relation to sexual offences and discrimination:
• Office of first reporter for sexual offences, harassment, and all forms of discrimination and marginalisation.
• Advise, support and court preparation in related procedures such as domestic violence applications/trials and sexual offences.
• Assistance and support in student tribunals and disciplinary hearings.
• Workshops and awareness campaign.

Information, counselling and advice:
If you need …
• More information about the services and support provided
• To talk to someone who will listen in confidence
• To be referred to a healthcare professional

… you can email Zaaida.vallie@uct.ac.za or give the office a call on (021) 650-1006

For information, UCT’s policy on racism and racial harassment, sexual harassment, sexual offences, disability, HIV infection and Aids, and mediation can be found here: http://www.uct.ac.za/main/about/policies.

POST OFFICE (RHODES GIFT)
Location: Students’ Union Interspace Building, University Avenue North, between Otto Beit and Computer Sciences Building, Upper Campus
Postmaster: 021 685-5460
Fax: 021 689-7817
Website: www.postoffice.co.za
POSTGRADUATE CENTRE & FUNDING OFFICE (PGCFO)

Location: Level 3, Otto Beit Bldg, University Avenue North, Upper Campus
Phone: 021 650-3622
Fax: 021 650-4352
E-mail: pgfunding@uct.ac.za
Website: http://www.students.uct.ac.za/students/fees-funding/postgraduate-degree-funding/applications-requirements

The Postgraduate Funding Office (PGFO) administers several different categories of financial assistance for honours, master’s and doctoral degrees. In addition to this the PGFO manages the enrolment, funding and administrative processes for the postdoctoral sector. Students who intend to register for postgraduate diplomas and certificates, the BArch, the LLB, or for the undergraduate 4th year of any Bachelor’s degree are not eligible to apply for funding, although this may be possible through the Undergraduate Student Financial Aid Office. Students who intend to study for a second degree at the same or lower National Qualification Framework (NQF) level as one they already hold, (e.g., a second Honours degree or an Honours if you already hold a master’s degree) are ineligible for funding.


Students and prospective students who wish to apply for financial assistance are required to complete formal applications, depending on the category of award. It is important to note that all the scholarships administered by the PGFO have closing dates in the year preceding the year of study.
Students are therefore encouraged to source funding information as early as possible in the year before their intended postgraduate studies.

Students who wish to apply for postgraduate support must visit the PGFO website [http://www.students.uct.ac.za/students/fees-funding/postgraduate-degree-funding](http://www.students.uct.ac.za/students/fees-funding/postgraduate-degree-funding) as early in the year as possible to source information on available funding opportunities and to download the relevant applications. It is important to note that in order to qualify for a UCT Merit award, a concurrent application must be submitted to the National Research Foundation (NRF). The NRF application deadlines often change from year to year, but the NRF tends to make early calls (e.g., – NRF Master’s and Doctoral applications for 2022 is likely to be early June 2021).

Students who are employed for more than 20 hours per week are ineligible for UCT-sourced funding. Students may apply for full cost funding via the Postgraduate Financial Aid Awards application (commonly known as form 10a) and a limited number of prestigious and external fellowships. Prospective Honours, Master’s and Doctoral students may apply for financial need support and may in certain cases qualify for assistance packages. Such candidates are also encouraged to apply to the NRF.

A limited number of scholarships are available to international and refugee students annually. Students and prospective students are cautioned, however, that these awards do not cover the full cost of attendance and they are advised to seek external financial support. Applications for UCT International and Refugee Scholarships must be submitted by the closing date of 31 July in the year preceding the intended year of registration.

Prospective international postgraduate students are required to apply to the appropriate academic department at UCT before applying for funding through the PGFO. However, students who wish to apply for financial support should do so as soon as possible and not wait until academic places are confirmed.

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**POSTGRADUATE STUDIES**

**Location:** Otto Beit Building, Level 2, Room 2.04, University Avenue North, Upper Campus  
**Phone:** 021 650 3171; 021 650 3835  
**E-mail:** [pgstudies@uct.ac.za](mailto:pgstudies@uct.ac.za)  
**Website:** [http://www.postgradhub.uct.ac.za/](http://www.postgradhub.uct.ac.za/)  
**Twitter:** [@UCTpostgrads](http://twitter.com/@UCTpostgrads)  
**UCT Mobile App:** PG Events

The Office of Postgraduate Studies supports students, supervisors and administrative staff in enhancing the postgraduate experience. It works with faculties and various UCT-wide committees and sub-committees to provide leadership in policy-making and coordination of processes across the broad field of postgraduate studies at UCT, including student support.
The University strive to offer efficient university-wide platforms for postgraduate students, to continually promote and embed postgraduate students within the research enterprise of the university and increase the number of quality publications emanating from postgraduate student research; to achieve an approximate 40% proportion of postgraduates of the total number of students at UCT; and to monitor and reduce student dropout rates, and time to completion of their degrees.

The Office maintains a consolidated postgraduate hub website, disseminates information about postgraduate studies and coordinates diverse range of academic and professional development seminars, workshops and retreats for postgraduate students and postdoctoral fellows across all disciplines. An online booking schedule for all the available seminars, workshops, retreats and courses is available on the postgraduate hub.

In addition, the Office actively pursues global partnerships that involve postgraduate student mobility and international research opportunities.

SHAWCO (STUDENTS’ HEALTH & WELFARE CENTRES ORGANISATION)

Location: Steve Biko Building, Level 5, Upper Campus
Phone: 021 650-5019
Fax: 021 650-5739
E-mail: info@shawco.org
Website: www.shawco.org

SHAWCO provides a unique opportunity for community involvement, personal development and work readiness to ALL students. Get involved in volunteering, research or service-learning, and have a life-changing experience while changing another person’s life forever!

Andrew Kinnear, a medical student, started SHAWCO in 1943 as a UCT volunteer organisation with the assistance of Dr Golda Selzer of the University of Cape Town’s medical school. Today, the organisation has more than 1,800 dedicated student volunteers per year who continue to serve and learn with community in a variety of meaningful ways. SHAWCO comprises of two main student-run sectors: SHAWCO Education and SHAWCO Health. A third sector – run by staff – coordinates the SHAWCO community centres, maintain community relations, focus on enterprise development and funding, and provide transport, financial and administrative oversight, as well as project support to the student-run sectors.

SHAWCO Education – the Education Sector operates within several communities and has a rich history of community engagement.

SHAWCO education projects cover age groups ranging from grade R to grade 11 (5 to
Projects take a holistic approach on education; in the junior phase, they focus on life orientation, numeracy and literature; in the senior phase they shift towards subject-specific tutoring. Many sessions have a special-interest focus, such as sport and health or arts and crafts. One project is dedicated to educating youth about legal awareness (only for law students). These projects, SHAWCO Education hopes to provide safe and productive after-school activities, to improve understanding of concepts taught in the school curriculum, and to empower scholars to think critically and creatively.

**SHAWCO Health** – runs several mobile health clinics in several areas of Cape Town in a number of informal settlements across Cape Town. At the moment SHAWCO Mobile Clinics operate in over four informal settlements spread across Cape Town. There are also occasional one-off clinics for flood victims, or other groups in need of medical attention. Given the nature of their activities, SHAWCO Health is geared towards medical students only.

**UCT RAG – Remember And Give** – is a fundraising arm of SHAWCO and consists of a vibrant group of students that raises money through sponsorships and corporate events. More information is available on page 54.

**SHAWCO Head Office**

**Location:** Braemar Cottage, Faculty of Health Sciences, Anzio Road, Observatory 7925

**Phone:** 021 406-6740

**Fax:** 021 406-6741

**E-mail:** info@shawco.org

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**STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

**Location:** Registrar’s Legal Services Section, Room 145, Bremner Building

**Phone:** 021 650-2191

**Fax:** 021 650-2138

The Legal Counsellor administers the University’s system of student disciplinary tribunals and can advise students on disciplinary issues and related matters.

The rules relating to student discipline at the University, namely disciplinary jurisdiction and procedures, are contained in Handbook 3.
Each faculty has an undergraduate and postgraduate Student Faculty Council, which is elected on an annual basis by, and composed of, registered undergraduate or postgraduate students who have completed at least one semester within that faculty.

Student Faculty Councils form a crucial link between the students, academics and staff members within their faculties and are tasked with representing their student body on numerous faculty committees and structures, such as the Faculty Board and the Dean’s Advisory Committee. They are to serve the interests of students within their faculties, primarily by coordinating class or departmental representatives and creating environments conducive to fostering academic excellence, but also through initiatives in the areas of transformation, safety and wellness, and social responsiveness.

Please see their individual office contact details below:

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**STUDENT LEARNING CENTRES**

Multi-purpose Student Learning Centres provide students with access to study facilities for informal small group work, computer micro-laboratories and other study resources, as well as facilities for social and cultural activities and office space for student government and student societies.

*Please note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic Guidelines and Protocols, access is restricted to ensure social distancing.*

**STUDENT HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LABS**

Phone: 021 650 4126/4236
Website: [http://www.icts.uct.ac.za/residence-labs](http://www.icts.uct.ac.za/residence-labs)
Students residing at Forest Hill, Liesbeeck, Obz Square, Rochester and Clarinus residences may use the lab facilities available in the respective residences.

**BAXTER STUDENT LEARNING CENTRE**

**Location:** Cecil Road, next to Baxter
**Hall Phone:** 021 650-4126/4236
**Hours:** Mon – Fri 08h00–24h00; Sat 10h00–22h00

This Centre contains:
- three workrooms available for group work, seminars and quiet study;
- a multi-purpose classroom fitted with 23 computers, three whiteboards and a data projector for computer-based training, meetings and presentations;
- a computer laboratory fitted with 56 entry-level computers;
- a high capacity laser printer;
- a social space

Students and staff must have a valid student card and an access card in order to use the Centre. Access cards are obtainable at the UCT Access Control. UCT staff may request lab bookings for work purposes using the SCS online lab booking request form: [https://ictsapps.uct.ac.za/lab_booking/index.php](https://ictsapps.uct.ac.za/lab_booking/index.php).

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**STUDENT RECORDS OFFICE**

**Location:** Ground Floor, Level 4, Masingene Building, Middle Campus
**Phone:** 021 650-3595
**E-mail:** reg-records@uct.ac.za

The Student Records Office assists students in regard to:
- Official academic transcripts ([transcripts@uct.ac.za](mailto:transcripts@uct.ac.za))
- Re-admission ([rac-records@uct.ac.za](mailto:rac-records@uct.ac.za))
• Graduation (graduation@uct.ac.za)
• Verifications (verifications@uct.ac.za)
• Visa, English proficiency and other ad-hoc letters

Student applying for deferred exams can obtain the necessary forms at the Enquiries Counter in the Masingene Building.

STUDENTS’ REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)

Location: Steve Biko Students’ Union, Level 7
Phone: 021 650-3537
E-mail: src@uct.ac.za
Website: http://www.src.uct.ac.za

The student body elects the Students Representative Council (SRC) annually. UCT SRC consists of 15 members. Its role is to represent students and address any problems that you might encounter during your time at UCT, from accommodation to parking to academic exclusion. The SRC will also run several projects in the students’ interest, where your participation will be much needed. Feel free to pop in to the SRC offices during the week.

Student Parliament

The Student Parliament (SP) is the advisory and debating organ of the UCT student body, with the SRC as its executive. The SP is comprised of all members of the SRC and of elected constituents of student societies, faculty councils, sports codes, house committees and other sectors. The Student Parliament can be contacted through the Speaker at Speaker.Sparliament@uct.ac.za.

STUDENT SOCIETIES

Location: DSA Helpdesk, Level 5, Steve Biko Students’Union
Phone: 021 650-3541
E-mail: societies@uct.ac.za

There are over 120+ societies that cater for students’ cultural, religious and special interests. A student may resign from a society within the first 5 days of registering as a member. Membership of a student society expires automatically at the end of the year. Membership fees will be debited to the student’s fee account or may be paid in cash.

Society registration forms are available online via PeopleSoft and queries may be sent through to societies@uct.ac.za.
Students, from their second year onwards, may park on campus in unmarked bays for students. Bays for disabled students can be obtained through the Disability Unit. (A valid doctor’s certificate is required.), Phone: 021 650 2427.

The parking areas that you are allowed to use are indicated on the parking disc, which is purchased from the Traffic Administration Office after you have registered. Cash, credit card and debit card may be used to purchase parking discs.

First year students are not allowed to bring a motor vehicle, other than a motorbike, on to University property. This rule is strictly observed except in certain cases such as physical disability.

The Traffic Court operates from the same office as the Traffic Administration. Fines are paid at the Traffic Administration Office. Information on the set of student traffic rules is available at the Traffic Administration Office.

No student may park above the booms on Upper Campus except if authorized by Traffic.

UBUNYE is a student-run development agency that co-ordinates three community development projects utilising student volunteers to participate in local educationally disadvantaged schools. The three projects are:

**Township Debating League:** teaching debating in schools to promote critical thinking, life skills and general knowledge. Learners also participate in local and provincial debating tournaments.

**Inkanyezi:** promotes life skills, personal development and career development for high school learners through mentorship, information and skills workshops.

**Teach Out:** provides supplementary teaching and tutoring in Mathematics, Science, Biology and English.
UCT GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS CAREERS
SERVICE OFFICE

Location: Breakwater Campus, Portswood Road, Waterfront
Enquiries: Career Services Office, Room G25, Breakwater Campus
Phone: 021 406-1340 / 406-1039
E-mail: careers@gsb.uct.ac.za

The service is available to all students registered for the Masters of Business Administration (MBA), Executive MBA, Master of Commerce in Development Finance, Master of Philosophy (by Dissertation) in Inclusive Innovation and Postgraduate Diploma in Management Practice, offered at the Graduate School of Business.

Where to find us:

UCT GSB Campus, in the orange passage closest to the West Turret.

Services include:

The Career Services offers a broad range of resources, expertise, information and services to promote career development. Careers Service takes pride in assisting and empowering students and graduates in their search for employment. Services include CV writing, Online Career Branding (Linkedin), Interview preparation, Career Coaching and Career Planning workshop. Career Services also drives student and graduate introductions to leading companies, alumni and corporate networks in South Africa, and abroad.

In addition Career Services offers:

- Marketing a professional profile through GSB Online Resume
- Connecting with Alumni of the school
- Job Search via the Careers Hub Portal
- One-on-one career coaching
- A Mentorship Programme
- CV writing critique
- CV writing workshops which will provide students with skills to write their CV and covering letter
- Mock interview program which will offer students the ideal opportunity to improve interviewing skills and interview techniques which are specific to a particular industry such as case interviewing
- An on-campus recruitment program focusing on facilitating employment opportunities with companies
- Networking opportunities such as industry panel discussions inviting industry to tell you how to direct your application for employment.
Online tools to equip students with career information on career profiles and industries.

Career resources which are available in the library and the career hub.

Introductions to local and international companies, alumni and recruiters.

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**UCT LAW CLINIC**

**Location:** Room 3.13, Kramer Law School Building, Middle Campus

**Phone:** 021 650-3775

**Fax:** 021 650-5665

**E-mail:** uctlawclinic@uct.ac.za

**Website:** www.lawclinic.uct.ac.za

**Hours:** 08h30 – 13h00 and 14h00 – 16h30

The UCT Law Clinic operates as a fully functional law practice run by a professional staff of experienced practising attorneys who litigate in the District, Regional and High Courts on behalf of indigent people who would otherwise not have access to the law.

Final year students have to register for the Legal Practice course (DOL4500H) in order to work as legal advisors under the supervision of the Clinic’s attorneys.

The students receive instruction from clients and learning is largely experiential. Skills learnt include problem solving and analytical skills, communication and organisational skills, file management, trial advocacy, to list just a few.

The Law Clinic is accredited by the Cape Law Society and adheres strictly to its guidelines with regard to professional conduct.

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**UCT OMBUD**

**Location:** 3-4 Lovers Walk Extension, opposite the School of Dance, Lower Campus

**Phone:** 021 650 3665

**Email:** ombud@uct.ac.za

**Website:** www.ombud.uct.ac.za

**What is an Ombud?**

The Ombud chiefly offers services such as listening, dispute resolution assistance, and practical assistance towards resolving any issues which any student, post-doc, or staff member may bring to the Ombud as a result of feeling stuck.

**What do we do?**

The Ombud provides an independent, impartial, confidential and off-the-record service to students, post-docs and all staff at UCT who have concerns, complaints, conflicts or disputes arising from or affecting their studies or work at UCT. As a part of this free service, the Ombud is available as an impartial resource for the review of decisions and actions falling within the ambit of university life.
The Ombud thus seeks to provide an environment within which complaints, inquiries or concerns about alleged acts, omissions, and any problems as they are experienced by university members, may be surfaced.

The Office of the Ombud performs a variety of functions. These include listening and providing a respectful and non-judgmental office for people to discuss their problems freely, helping them to clarify concerns and develop options, explaining the university policies and procedures, coaching visitors on how to help themselves, looking into issues by gathering data and, when suitable and with the permission of the visitor, perspectives of others, and engaging in shuttle diplomacy. In addition, the Office of the Ombud serves as a resource for information and makes available to the University dispute resolution expertise. It also seeks to be a catalyst for institutional change. The Ombud assists parties in reaching resolutions that are consistent with the ideals of the University. The Ombud reports to the Chair of Council.

By talking to the Ombud, visitors and the Ombud agree that the Office of the Ombud will not disclose or keep records of individually identifiable information; the Ombud will not testify or participate in any formal proceeding: communications with the Ombud are privileged, and this privilege is held by the Office of the Ombud and cannot be waived by others. This agreement results in confidentiality and leads to the provision of an impartial place for the discussion of any concern by any member of the UCT community. The only exception to the confidentiality standard would be the very unusual situation where there appears to be no other responsible option except to act without permission. Lastly, the Ombud’s services are free to the UCT community.

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**UCT RADIO**

**Location:** Studio, Computer Science Building, Cissie Gool Plaza, Upper Campus.

**Phone:** 021 650-3550

**Studio-Line:** 021 650-5399

**Website:** [www.ucctradio.co.za](http://www.ucctradio.co.za)

UCT Radio is a young, vibrant and self-sufficient, student-run station that broadcasts 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, from UCT’s Upper Campus. Listeners can live stream shows via [http://www.radio.uct.ac.za/live](http://www.radio.uct.ac.za/live) or by downloading our web-based application straight to your home screen. Programming consists of diverse music and conversational topics, which are reflective of the UCT student demographic.

Furthermore, listeners can stay up to date with what is happening in broader society via our hourly news bulletins, entertainment chat shows and more.

There is a student intake at the beginning of the year, where new students can apply to join the family. Here they will gain practical skills in all broadcasting aspects, artist management, marketing and advertising. Check out our social media pages for more.
UCT RAG

Location: Steve Biko Students’ Union, Level 5, Upper Campus
Phone: 021 650-3525/3654
E-mail: rag@uct.ac.za
Website: http://www.students.uct.ac.za/students/student-life/community-service/rag

UCT RAG is a fundraising organisation that is involved in student life and committed to development. It is run by enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers, who with organise a variety of events throughout the year.

These RAG committee members are chosen from a pool of over 150 applicants and are among the most dynamic of student leaders at UCT. RAG is generally viewed as the most visible society at UCT. Each RAG member is committed to making their project a success and each year new levels of professionalism are brought into each event. All the money that RAG raises is donated at the end of each year to various charities such as the Students’ Health and Welfare Centre Organisation (SHAWCO).

Some of RAG’s flagship events include SAX Appeal, Orientation week parties, and Graduation Memorabilia.

UCT RAG has key objectives that the Executive strives to achieve every year, these are:

- To raise as much money as possible;
- Develop the skills of the students who work on the committee; and
- Provide entertaining events for the target market, whilst ensuring RAG members have fun.

It is with these aims in mind that the committee shapes the way that RAG functions and keeps the individuals motivated to be part of this dynamic organization.

UCT STORE – operated by Protea Bookshop

Location: Upper Campus, Chemistry Lane, Steve Biko Students’Union (next to Food Court)
Phone: 021 650-2485/6
E-mail: zsallie@proteabooks.com

UCT Store is the official bookstore and one stop shop on Upper Campus and geared to service the needs of the university community including students, departments, academic and administrative staff and alumni.
The following are offered in store:

- Prescribed textbooks
- Recommended books
- Second-hand books
- Medical Books
- General books
- E-books
- Magazines
- Stationery
- Medical Equipment
- Digital Products/Electronics
- Account facilities (private)
- Account facilities (bursaries)
- Fundi
- Gift vouchers
- Toiletries & pharmaceuticals
- Electronic payments
- Online purchases

**VARSITY NEWSPAPER**

Location: Societies Centre, Level 5, Steve Biko Students’ Union
Phone: 021 650 3543
Email: editorial@varsitynewspaper.co.za
Website: http://varsitynewspaper.co.za/

**VARSITY News** is the official student-run newspaper at UCT. Established in 1942, it is recognised as an important development agency on campus. The newspaper comes out monthly every Wednesday, with 10 editions in the year. The publication alternates between print and online editions every week.

VARSITY strives to represent the student voice on many issues. It covers various aspects of student life under four sections - news, opinions, features and lifestyle, and fitness.

Members of the VARSITY collective are all UCT students who have chosen to be part of the team on an entirely voluntary basis. Students are encouraged to contribute articles to the newspaper regularly, or on an ad hoc basis. In addition to sharpening their journalistic skills, students can also be involved in the operations side of the newspaper such as advertising, marketing, finance, design skills, operations and HR.

**WRITING CENTRE**

Location: Level 4, Steve Biko Students’ Union building, Upper Campus
Phone: 021 650 5021
E-mail: writingcentre@uct.ac.za
Website: http://www.writingcentre.uct.ac.za/
Facebook: UCT Writing Centre
Blog: https://uctthewritingcentr.wixsite.com/mysite
Hours: Mon – Fri from 09h00 – 16h00
Online Booking System: https://uct.mywconline.com/
The Writing Centre is a project within the Language Development Group in the Centre for Higher Education Development (CHED). The Writing Centre offers a free consultancy service to undergraduate and postgraduate students as individuals or in small groups at any stage of their writing of assignments, theses, reports, articles. This is not an editing service, but a learning experience directed towards helping students to improve the quality of their writing. Towards this end, the Centre contributes to research into the nature of academic writing in various disciplines and assists academic staff to teach writing within the particular disciplines.

Students are able to book appointments online with their preferred email address and password. Writing Centre consultants are all senior postgraduates that have gone through and continue to go through training. Consultations range from task analysis (30 minutes) to longer written pieces (1 hour). The Writing Centre believes that all students can improve their writing, whether they are highly experienced writers or complete novices.

The Centre also has a satellite centre at the Graduate School of Business (GSB). There is also a Health Sciences Writing Lab, which is situated at UCT Medical School Campus.